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PRETORIA AND MBABANE FOR BOBEL

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SUBJ: REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS T.A. TO ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT
BANK, POSSIBLE BOBEL VISIT

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1. EMBOFFS MET WITH IDB OPERATIONS DIRECTOR ABDUL RAHMAN YOUSSEF ON AUG. 26 TO DISCUSS REIMBURSABLE ASSISTANCE FROM AID. YOUSSEF IS STILL INTERESTED IN FILLING THREE POSITIONS VIA THE REIMBURSABLE ASSISTANCE ROUTE. EMBOFFS EXPLAINED THAT COSTS MIGHT BE LOWERED IF IDB WOULD, AS AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, REQUEST DETAIL TO IDB OF EXPERTS FROM AID. YOUSSEF PROMISED TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR SUCH A DETAIL OF PERSONNEL WITH HIS BANK'S TOP MANAGEMENT AND REPORT RESULTS TO THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GIVEN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE HERE (ALL OFFICES CLOSE AUG. 31 TO SEPT.8). WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE A RESPONSE BEFORE MID-SEPTEMBER. YOUSSEF WAS CLEARLY MOST INTERESTED AGAIN IN THE COST OF SUCH PERSONNEL AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW APPROXIMATELY HOW MUCH THE IDB PORTION OF THE EXPENSES FOR A U.S.
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EXPERT WOULD BE UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT. EMBOFFS ALSO PASSED BIO DATA ON BOBEL AND ABDESLAM, AS WELL AS AID MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY STEWART, TO YOUSSEF.

2. YOUSSEF ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON FOR THE SEPTEMBER IMF/WORLD BANK MEETINGS AND WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE TAKING A TWO-MONTH COURSE

AT IDI (INT'L DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE). HE THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT
BOBEL CANCEL
PLANS TO COME TO SAUDI ARABIA AT THIS TIME AND THEAT
MEETINGS BE SCHEDULED FOR BOTH BOBEL AND ABDESLAM
IN WASHINGTON THIS FALL DURING TIME YOUSSEF WILL
BE ATTENDING IDI.
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